Extra! Extra! Junior Journalist Newspaper Report Template

Learning objective: To write a formal newspaper report using the features of journalistic writing, including the 5 Ws (Who, What, Where, When, Why) and formal language.

Use this template to report on an exciting event happening in your school or local community. Remember to use a catchy headline, write in the third person, and include a quote from an eye-witness to make your story sound professional. Kit the fox suggests using formal vocabulary to make your report sound authoritative!

Word bank: Headline · Journalist · Eyewitness · Investigation · Sensational · Evidence · Furthermore · Consequently · Chronological

1. Headline: Create a punchy, eye-catching title that summarises your story in a few words. (2 marks)

2. The Lead Paragraph: Who is the story about? What happened? Where and when did the event take place? (3 marks)

3. The Main Details: Describe the event in more detail. Use formal language to explain why it happened and what the outcome was. (4 marks)

4. Eyewitness Quote: Write a direct quote from someone who saw the event. Remember to use speech marks and a reporting verb (e.g., stated, explained, exclaimed). (3 marks)

5. The Conclusion: What is happening now? Summarise the current situation or explain what will happen next. (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are interviewing Max the monkey about a maths competition he just won. Write a short paragraph using direct and indirect speech to report his reaction to the victory.